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SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE COMMENTS ON ANGOLA

1. FOLLOWING A TWO-HOUR PRIVATE MEETING, MEXICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA AND GUINEAN PRIME MINISTER LOUIS LANSANA BEAVOGUI COMMENTED ON FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA DURING A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE. BEAVOGUI WARNED: "IT IS A GRAVE ERROR FOR THE IMPERIALISTS TO ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN A COLONY (IN ANGOLA) AGAINST THE WILL OF THE INHABITANTS AND PEOPLE. WHAT HAS HAPPENED WILL BE REMEMBERED IN AFRICA; THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE HAVE DECLARED (INDEPENDENCE) AND ARE FIGHTING, AND THEY WILL NOT LACK THE SOLIDARITY OF THE OTHER PEOPLES OF AFRICA." BEAVOGUI, WHO WAS VISITING A RESORT ON THE YUCATAN PENINSULA AFTER ATTENDING THE CONGRESS OF THE CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY, LAVISHLY PRAISED CUBA'S "UNCODITIONAL SOLIDARITY" WITH THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE AND WITH OTHER PEOPLES STRUGGLING FOR LIBERTY.

2. ECHEVERRIA SPOKE OUT AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVENTION NOT ONLY IN ANGOLA BUT ELSEWHERE AND FROM WHATEVER SOURCE. HOWEVER, HIS EVEN-HANDED CENSURE WAS OBSCURED SOMEWHAT WHEN HE GOT OFF THE SUBJECT OF ANGOLA AND LAUNCHED INTO A VERBAL ATTACK ON THE CAPITALIST POWERS AND TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS FOR NOT SUPPORTING THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES

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OF STATES AND ACCEPTING A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,

WHICH HE CLAIMED WILL "PREVENT ALL KINDS OF INTERVENTION".

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